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**Statement from U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow
Regarding Terrorist Attacks of September 11**

Our national will is being tested as it never has before. On the clear, sunny morning of Sept. 11, we were attacked from out of the shadows. There are no words to fully describe the depth of this infamy. And not enough tears to properly mourn the innocent lives so cruelly taken.

Thousands of families are grieving today over loved ones lost in this senseless attack on our nation and all of us mourn with them and keep them in our prayers.

But from within the depths of this horror, we saw and honor the heroism of our police and fire fighters – many of whom gave their lives trying to rescue others. We thank them and offer our condolences to those who lost a loved one in the line of duty. We also offer our thanks to all the medical workers who are working tirelessly trying to save lives.

While our enemy is still uncertain, our resolve must be unflinching. Those who thought they could bring us to our knees must instead see us standing tall, united and resolved to see that justice is done.

We stand firmly behind President Bush and his diplomatic and military efforts to discover who is behind these attacks and hold them accountable. The United States will respond decisively and forcefully against those who have perpetrated this atrocity and those who offer them safe harbor and assistance.

I am also outraged by reports of price gouging at gasoline stations around the nation. Those who would profit in our time of grief are not only contemptible; in Michigan they are also criminals. The Michigan Attorney General has asked me to direct complaints to their regional offices directly: in Lansing (517) 373-1110; in Detroit (313) 256-2519; in Grand Rapids (616) 356-0400; in Escanaba (906) 786-0169; and in Petoskey (231) 348-2922. You may also reach the Consumer Protection Hotline toll-free at (877) 765-8388.

Our nation will come through this crisis even stronger than before. Those who attack from the shadows will see that we do not surrender to fear, but rather will go forward united in steely purpose and iron resolve. Even as we mourn, it is important that we carry on with the nation's business, with the immediate priority being to get help to the families and communities that were the victims of this horrendous attack.